

REMARKS

With this Amendment, claims 40-50 are cancelled. Therefore, claims 3-5, 7-12, 14-33, 36, and 37 are all the claims currently pending in this Application.

The Examiner indicates that claims 3-5, 7-12, 14-33, 36, and 37 are allowed (Office Action, p. 5).

The drawings are objected to under 37 C.F.R. § 1.83(a) for allegedly failing to illustrate features of claims 40, 43, 47, 48, 49, and 50. With this Amendment, claims 40-50 are cancelled. Therefore, Applicants request that the objections to the drawings be reconsidered and withdrawn.

Claims 40-50 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. Claims 40-50 are cancelled.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111
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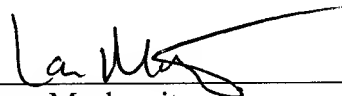
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